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## MEMORANDUM FOR HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTORS

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Release of OPM's Course "Introduction to Leave, Work-Life, and

Workplace Flexibilities"

I am pleased to announce the issuance of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management's (OPM's) "Introduction to Leave, Work-Life, and Workplace Flexibilities" course.

On June 23, 2014, President Obama signed a memorandum to promote a workplace culture for the 21<sup>st</sup> century that will support the Federal Government's ability to attract, empower, and retain a talented and productive workforce by expanding the use of workplace flexibilities and worklife programs. Among several requirements, the President directed OPM to work with agencies to support them in providing education and guidance about various workplace flexibilities and work-life resources available, and to support them in promoting workplace environments that incorporate workplace flexibilities and work-life programs into their organizational cultures.

To that end, the "Introduction to Leave, Work-Life, and Workplace Flexibilities" course provides a comprehensive overview of the benefits of a flexible workplace culture. The course is designed for employees, managers, and human resource professionals supporting work-life and workplace flexibility programs. The course will help participants gain insight into the commonly used leave, work-life, and workplace flexibility options available to Federal employees and managers, as well as how to access these options to meet various needs.

The web-based course is provided to agencies at no cost on OPM's HR University (<a href="www.hru.gov">www.hru.gov</a>). If you have any questions about the course, please contact <a href="pay-leave-policy@opm.gov">pay-leave-policy@opm.gov</a> or <a href="worklife@opm.gov">worklife@opm.gov</a>.

cc: Chief Human Capital Officers, Chief Learning Officers, Directors of Diversity and Inclusion